

GOV. WHITMAN SEEMS NOW TO HAVE REINOMINATION SAFE



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Women and Farmers Likely to Have Large Say in Primary—Many Eager to Run, None Anxious to Fight

WHILE the opponents of Gov. Charles S. Whitman are racking their brains to work out schemes whereby he may be defeated for re-nomination for Governor, he and his friends seem supremely confident of the result. They express themselves privately as satisfied not only of his re-nomination, but also of his reelection for a third term. Two elements that hitherto have played little part in political affairs in this State will have a great bearing on the result of the primaries and the succeeding election. These elements are the farmers and the women.

Enemies of the Governor are sedulously cultivating the discontent of the farmers over some of his policies. They hope to make the State Grange, the Dairyman's League and the recently organized New York State Federation of Agriculture powerful influences in the coming campaign, having in mind the political achievements of various farmers' organizations in some of the Western States, notably North Dakota. Hitherto the farmer vote in this State has been as negligible as the much touted labor vote.

On the other hand, Gov. Whitman and his advisers have not overlooked the fact that the women now have the vote for the first time in New York. Indeed, they have taken this new element in the political situation most carefully into their calculations. The Governor has a big moral issue, the ratification by the Legislature of the prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution. "And when have women ever failed to respond to a moral issue?" they ask.

Many Would Be Governor.

Enemies of the Governor were disappointed that the 800 delegates representing the farmers of the State did not go on record against him openly when they met on Wednesday in Syracuse to organize the State Federation of Agriculture. They had been working quietly to bring this about, but the result showed that the emissaries of the Governor were potent enough to prevent any declaration against his re-nomination.

From now until election this organization will be a fertile field for surface work by representatives of both the Whitman and the anti-Whitman forces. It has been decided that the farmers' organization shall run no candidates of its own for State office in the primaries.

There are a dozen men in the ranks of Republican statesmen who would be only too happy to accept a nomination for Governor this fall if it were to come without a contest. But not one of them has brought himself to the point of believing that his chances for winning against the Governor in the primaries are good enough to warrant the announcement of his candidacy. Considerable jockeying is being done with the idea of getting in line in case unforeseen developments should make an opposition candidacy seem fraught with some element of success. Such is the status of the break of Speaker Sweet with the Governor. For some time he has been flirting with the anti-Whitman leaders, and from now on they expect to have his active support.

Mild interest was created last week by the positive announcement of William M. Bennett that a complete opposition ticket against the Whitman ticket would be placed in the primaries. But while it is known that the slate smasher from New York county has been working for some time to develop an anti-Whitman fight, private advices are that he has made little headway. His announcement was delightfully vague as to who would run on his promised ticket.

Believing that the chances for shelving the Governor in the primaries are too remote to satisfy them, the enemies of the Governor have decided to throw their entire strength toward reestablishing the State convention. The scheme of Senator Eion R. Brown to have a committee appointed to consider the advisability of re-nominating the State convention was simply an effort to give the color of delibera-

tion to a move that had already been decided upon. A majority of the committee is opposed to direct primaries as it applies to State offices, and it is commonly expected that early this week it will bring in a bill providing for State conventions again.

There is little doubt that the bill can be passed in the Senate through the work of Senator Brown and the anti-Whitman group. Last year Speaker Sweet was the active agent of the Governor in introducing a similar bill in the Assembly. The Whitman men do not go so far as to say that they can prevent the passage of the bill this year if the Speaker goes to the bat for it, but they point out that the Governor would promptly veto any bill that might be passed, and they deny the assertions of the other side that such a veto would be overridden.

Women's Votes Important.

It is urged that the Democrats might be willing to join with the anti-Whitman Republicans in passing the bill over the Governor's veto. A leader last night, "but Senator Brown is too good a Republican to bend himself to any combine of that kind. He knows it would hurt the party and, of course, that is just what the Democrats would be looking for."

The Whitman leaders are confident there will be no return to the convention system, although they declare the Governor would be re-nominated even under that method.

The enrolled Republican vote is only about 450,000 and 700,000. This will be doubled at least, the Whitman leaders believe, when the women are placed on the ballot. A bill has been introduced providing for the enrollment of women in May.

It provides for personal enrollment only in the first class cities of New York, Buffalo and Rochester. In all other communities women may enroll by sending in duly attested certificates to the proper election officials. Last week this provision was vigorously attacked by a delegation of women who declared it to be a scheme to get the women into the Republican party. They said that none of the women wanted any favors. It is no doubt true that under the certificate plan the Whitman workers would do everything in their power to assist the women to enroll and might expect to gain their gratitude as an asset for the primaries and the following election.

Gov. Whitman's Campaign.

The Whitman leaders point out that there should be a big vote among the women at the primaries because it will be the first chance for most of them to exercise their new suffrage. A small portion of course will take part in the special Congressional elections next month. For the men the primary will be no novelty and there is no reason to suppose that more than the customary small percentage of the male enrollment will come out, no matter how heated the contest. According to his managers, the Governor, who has consistently favored woman suffrage for years and who is now standing for prohibition, which appeals with particular force to women, should get the greater part of the feminine vote in the primaries.

Gov. Whitman won the Republican nomination for Governor rather handsily in 1914 after a hot fight with Senator Harvey D. Hinman of Binghamton. At the time William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, was the greater part of the opposition. He kept in the background, but it was due in no small degree to his political influence and strategy that the victory was achieved. After his election the Governor broke with Barnes, who now would do anything in his power to put the Governor into the political discard. The fact that so far the Albany leader has taken no hand in the movements against the Governor's re-nomination this fall is an indication that he feels there is little chance of success, according to those in his confidence. Two years ago William M. Bennett entered the primaries against the Governor, but his vote was so small as to be negligible. On election day the



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Governor was returned with a tremendous plurality. But when he began openly to play the game for a third term he alienated some of his former supporters.

The first move was to make George A. Glynn, a member of his official family, chairman of the State Women's Association. Although William L. Ward, the powerful Westchester leader, could not prevent it, he did express his disapproval forcibly and has since been counted among the anti-third terms.

Chairman Glynn has been very active in building up the State organization, and the anti-Whitman leaders acknowledge that the Governor has a powerful asset in the control of the machinery. Particularly has the State chairman been active in allaying the new women voters with the organization.

Senator Eion R. Brown of Watertown, president pro tem of the Senate, originally began his opposition to the Governor under the spur of gubernatorial



GOV. CHARLES S. WHITMAN.

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GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE OF ROCHESTER.



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unilaterally for statewide prohibition and the ratification of the Federal amendment. They assert that his enemies will not be able to conceal their opposition to prohibition, successfully by their "evasions and subterfuges" and that by their contact they are playing directly into the Governor's hands.

Grievances of Farmers.

The anti-Whitman leaders are banking greatly on the discontent of the farmers. They first became disaffected a year ago when the Governor made a fight to make George W. Perkins head of the State Food Commission. In that fight he lost. The second grievance of the farmers was the signing of the township school bill, which was so unpopular that in many districts up State it was the big issue in the Assembly campaign last fall. Several Assemblymen were defeated as a result of their support of the measure.

There are many farmers who have been disaffected with some of the so-called war measures of the Governor. They have felt that he has done too much to prevent them from getting war prices for their products. Strong opposition has developed to the Farm and Markets Council recently named by him, and strong efforts are being made to prevent the confirmation of the nominees by the Senate.

John J. Dillon, former State Markets Commissioner, who has a powerful following among the farmers, particularly those connected with the Dairyman's League, is working night and day to stir up sentiment against the Governor.

Other men are trying to arouse opposition to the Governor among farmers' organizations. The sub-committee on farm needs of the joint legislative war committee has been going about the State holding hearings. The object, according to the Whitman leaders, is to plant seeds of discord and to gather material to be used against the Governor.

Some time ago Gov. Whitman reached an understanding with the other members of the State administration that together they should be candidates for re-nomination for their respective offices. This probably was the most potent move of all in the game for re-nomination. Most of the other State officers, including Lieutenant Governor of Onondaga, Comptroller of the State, and Secretary of State Hugo of Jefferson, were quietly nursing gubernatorial aspirations, any one of which would have been a considerable trouble for a Governor who wanted a nomination for a third term.

If Attorney General Lewis, of Monroe county, decides he would rather accept a Supreme Court nomination than to run again for his present office it may be that some of the other members of the combination may consider their agreement broken. That is why

great pressure is being brought to bear on the Attorney-General to stand pat.

But this agreement among the members of the Administration does not bind Senator George A. Slater of Westchester nor Judge Nathan L. Miller of Syracuse nor Justice James C. Cropsey of Kings nor William M. Bennett of New York. Each is a potential candidate, but it is doubtful if any of them goes into the primaries against the Governor.

Possible Candidates.

If he could get strong enough backing William L. Ward might enter Senator Slater. William Barnes would undoubtedly pick Judge Miller, who retired from the Court of Appeals to become counsel for the Selway Process Company in Syracuse. If he fled were open, the former State chairman has often expressed the opinion that Judge Miller would make an ideal candidate. But the Syracuse man is not likely to enter a contest for the nomination this year.

The up-State leaders are firm in their determination that if there is to be a change Gov. Whitman must be succeeded by an up-State man, and it may be for this reason that Justice Cropsey and Mr. Bennett have received so little encouragement to go into the primaries.

George W. Aldridge, of Monroe county and Francis Hendricks of Onondaga, two of the strongest up-State leaders, are with the Governor in his fight for a third term, as is Fred Greiner, the Buffalo leader.

The five New York city counties are all controlled in the Whitman camp, although Jacob L. Livingston of Kings has been shown in a number of places as a possible challenger. He does not see, however, how he could maintain an opposition movement against Public Service Commissioner Kracke and Comptroller Travis. It was stated yesterday that Mr. Livingston had assured the Governor that he would stand with him to the death.

Speaker Sweet has recently had a talk with Francis Hendricks of Syracuse with the purpose of ascertaining whether under any circumstances the powerful leader would abandon his career. Hendricks, however, has been encouraged for his gubernatorial aspirations. Efforts have been made by the Speaker to see George W. Aldridge of Rochester, but the latter has managed to avoid a meeting. As yet Mr. Sweet is approaching up-State leaders, but so far nothing has been shown in uniting with the Speaker in an attempt to defeat the Governor for re-nomination.

Unless some more potent opposition than has so far developed can be organized, it is probable that the Governor will have no opposition in the primaries. But it is a long time to the third Tuesday in September, and many things may happen before then to change the entire political situation.

SOCIETY IS DEVOTING LENT TO CHARITABLE ENDEAVOR

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New York City Federation of Statehoods, Mrs. Max Schlegel of Grand Lodge, Independent Order of True Sons, and Mrs. William Grant Brown of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Many former residents of Wisconsin attended the meeting yesterday at the home of the president, Mrs. Victor F. Frederickson, 255 West Nineteenth street. This is the club's second year. A study of city, State and Federal government is made, held under the direction of Ernest Smith Bradford.

Mineral Club, Mrs. Mary Stokes MacNutt, president, held its February meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mrs. John J. Foster is president of the club and Miss Jane J. Martin was the chairman of the day. The speakers included Bruce Bliven, who talked on "The War and the Writer," Richard H. Volz, Mrs. John J. Faurth, Mrs. Charles W. Simpson, Miss Ida Judson and Miss Julia N. Chase. Mrs. Frank Parsons last was chairman.

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The daughters of the Revolution, State of New York, observed Washington's Birthday on Friday with a reception at the Hotel Belmont. The regent, Miss K. J. Clinton Farrell, received, assisted by the board of managers.

The Michigan Society of New York, John Jay Bush, president, and the Michigan Women of New York, Mrs. Stanley Lyman Oils, president, celebrated Wash-

ington's Birthday jointly by giving a dinner dance the evening before at the Hotel Astor. There was a patriotic variety entertainment. The speakers of the evening included Representative H. Kelly of Michigan, Charles A. Towne and James V. Barry.

Kodak-Club Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, is holding weekly meetings and knitting bees at the homes of members. The chapter will give a card party in April at the Hotel Belmont for its relief work.

"The Press" was the subject at the meeting of the Women's Press Club yesterday afternoon at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mrs. Len Towell Priest is president of the club and Miss Jane J. Martin was the chairman of the day. The speakers included Bruce Bliven, who talked on "The War and the Writer," Richard H. Volz, Mrs. John J. Faurth, Mrs. Charles W. Simpson, Miss Ida Judson and Miss Julia N. Chase. Mrs. Frank Parsons last was chairman.

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